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## Programme of meetings and agenda

## Official meetings

**Thursday, 20 August 2015**

### Security Council

10:00 — 7508th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Maintenance of international peace and security

   Consolidating Security Council engagement on security sector reform: towards further implementation of resolution 2151 (2014)

   Letter dated 11 August 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2015/614)

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**Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan**

15:00 to 16:30 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 7

1. Midterm update of the Panel of Experts on the Sudan pursuant to paragraph 2 of resolution 2200 (2015)
2. Other matters

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**Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2206 (2015) concerning South Sudan**

16:30 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 7

1. Interim report of the Panel of Experts on South Sudan pursuant to paragraph 18 (d) of resolution 2206 (2015)
2. Other matters

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**United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea**

**Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf**
Thirty-eighth session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 20 August 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

## Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

*The agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/69/251 and A/69/252. The meetings under this header are closed.*

**Thursday, 20 August 2015**

***General Assembly***

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution A/69/L.84, entitled "Basic Principles on Sovereign Debt Restructuring Processes" (under agenda item 13 (a)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Plurinational State of Bolivia)**

From 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 5.

## Other meetings

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**Thursday, 20 August 2015**

**Arab Group (Security Council experts)**

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 8

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**Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)**

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

## Press conferences

*The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.*

**Thursday, 20 August 2015**

*Press Briefing Room (S-0237)* [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

**General Assembly**
Sixty-ninth session

Informal informal consultations (closed) of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly will be held on Tuesday, 25 August 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 12.

**General Assembly**
Sixty-ninth session

*Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council*

Pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, there will be two elections, at the seventieth session, of the non-permanent members of the Security Council and two elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council.

Specifically, the General Assembly will conduct the elections of five non-permanent members of the Security Council for the term 2016-2017 and of 18 members of the Economic and Social Council for the term 2016-2018, during the main part of the session, in the *fall of 2015*. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council and for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place during the resumed part of the session, in the *spring of 2016*.

Subsequently, these elections will be conducted once during each session of the General Assembly, in the spring, in accordance with the above-mentioned resolution. A memorandum, dated 22 October 2014, was sent by the Director, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, to the Chairs of the regional groups for that month.

**General Assembly**
Seventieth session

The seventieth session of the General Assembly will convene at United Nations Headquarters, on Tuesday, 15 September 2015, and the general debate will open on Monday, 28 September 2015 (resolutions 57/301 and 69/244).

*Summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda (25-27 September 2015)*

In accordance with resolution 69/244, the United Nations Summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda will be held from Friday, 25, to Sunday, 27 September 2015. Copies of the provisional list of speakers for the plenary meetings are available in Room S-3082. Delegations are reminded that statements in the plenary meetings should be limited to *five minutes*.

In accordance with the letter of the President of the General Assembly, dated 27 July 2015, regarding the United Nations Summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for the interactive dialogues are kindly requested to contact Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063). Delegations are reminded that statements in the interactive dialogues should be limited to *three minutes*.

*General debate (28 September-3 October 2015)*

The provisional list of speakers No. 1 for the general debate of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (Room S-3082). The list of speakers has also been sent by e-mail and by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (Office of the Permanent Representative). Delegations are kindly reminded that, in accordance with existing practice at the general debate, a voluntary *15-minute* time limit should be observed and the list of speakers has been prepared on the basis of the agreed *15-minute* statement by each delegation. In order to assist the speakers with the timely delivery of their statements, a light mechanism will be installed at the rostrum. Delegations may wish to inform their capitals accordingly.

## Forthcoming official meetings

### General Assembly
ixty-ninth session

The agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/69/251 (see document A/69/252 for allocation of items). The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in documents A/69/100 and A/69/100/Add.1. Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January-14 September 2015). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled.

The preliminary list of items, to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly, is contained in document A/70/50*.

The provisional agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was issued on 16 July 2015 in document A/70/150*.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in document A/70/100. The information note for delegations on arrangements for the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda and the general debate of the seventieth session of the General Assembly was issued in document A/INF/70/4. A draft programme of the work of the plenary for the seventieth session is contained in document A/69/972.

*List of speakers*

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337; Room S-3082).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (Room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly. The book of resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly during the main part of its sixty-ninth session was issued in document A/69/49 (Vol. I) and is available in the six official languages on the Official Documents System (*click here*).

To obtain hard copies, please contact the Meetings Support Section (Mr. Louis Giordano (e-mail giordanol@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7288)).

*Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications*

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/69/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

*Seating protocol for the seventieth session*

On Monday, 15 June 2015, the Secretary-General drew, from among the Member States, the name of Tuvalu to occupy the first seat in the General Assembly Hall at the seventieth session. Consequently, the delegation of Tuvalu will sit at the first desk at the right of the President, and the other countries will follow in the *English* alphabetical order. The same order will be observed in the Main Committees.

## General Assembly

**Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations**
Informal meeting

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (C-34) will hold an informal meeting of the Group of Friends of the Chair of the C-34 (closed), on Tuesday, 25 August 2015, at 10:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

**Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law**

Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing (closed), convened by the Chair (Ghana) of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, on Thursday, 17 September 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 5. The briefing is open to members of the Advisory Committee and other interested delegates (Fifth Committee and Sixth Committee).

## United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

**Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf**

Thirty-eighth session

There will be plenary meetings (closed) of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, from Monday, 24, to Friday, 28 August 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

## South-South cooperation for development

**High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation**

Special intersessional meeting

The High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation will hold a special intersessional meeting of the Committee, as called for in General Assembly resolution 69/239* (A/RES/69/239*). The special intersessional meeting will be held, on Tuesday, 8 September 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 4.

For further information on the work of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, please contact Mr. Cosmas Gitta (e-mail cosmas.gitta@undp.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-6441).

**United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)**

**Executive Board**

*Informal briefings*

In advance of its upcoming second regular session, the following informal briefings of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) will be held:

The UN-Women flagship report "Progress of the World's Women 2015-2016 – Transforming economies, realizing rights", on Wednesday 26 August 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8;

For the members of the Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC) only: UN-Women flagship programmes, on Friday 28 August 2015, from 11:00 to 12:30, in Conference Room E;

Structured dialogue on financing, on Monday 31 August 2015, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 8;

Integrated budget 2016-2017; as well as the management response to the Report of the Board of Auditors, on Friday 4 September 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7; and

Evaluation, on Friday 4 September 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

*Pre-session informal meeting*

As per its rules of procedure, the Executive Board of UN-Women will convene for its pre-session informal meeting in advance of the 2015 second regular session on Friday 28 August 2015, from 15:00 to 16:00, in Conference Room 4.

*Second regular session 2015*

The 2015 second regular session of the Executive Board of UN-Women will be held on Tuesday, 15 and Wednesday, 16 September 2015, in Conference Room 3. The annotated provisional agenda and work plan for the session are contained in document UNW/2015/L.4. Advance copies of documentation are available on the UN-Women Executive Board website (*click here*).

Executive Board members, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead) to Ms. Rocio Torres at rocio.torres@unwomen.org.

For requests to be on the speakers list for item 2 (Financial, budgetary and administrative matters), please e-mail Ms. Rocío Torres (rocio.torres@unwomen), as early as possible, but *no later than Thursday, 10 September 2015*.

The upcoming annual session will be PaperSmart as per established practice. All official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal and will not be distributed by conference services during the session. Member States may however make specific requests for hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@un.org) *at least two hours* in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be accessible electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services, and are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

## Economic and Social Council

### United Nations Children's Fund

#### Executive Board

*Pre-session briefing*

An informal briefing of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on: (a) Private fundraising: financial report for the year ended 31 December 2014 and (b) Structured dialogue on financing results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan 2014-2017; will take place on Tuesday, 25 August 2015, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 4. The informal briefing will be combined and followed by an informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (8-10 September 2015).

*Second regular session*

The 2015 second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 8 to Thursday, 10 September 2015, in Conference Room 1. The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2015/12. To consult advance copies of all documentation for the session, please *click here*.

Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to communicate their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail harai@unicef.org; or fax 1 (212) 326-7096), as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 4 September 2015*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2015 second regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website.

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (PowerPoint presentations and statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn: Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

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**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services**

*Informal consultations*

The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, will hold informal consultation, as follows:

*Monday, 24 August 2015*, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 5: on UNFPA Country Programme Documents: *Eastern Europe and Central Asia*: Azerbaijan; Belarus; Georgia; Kazakhstan; The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Serbia (including Kosovo); Tajikistan; Turkey; and Uzbekistan;

*Monday, 24 August 2015*, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8: on Evaluation of UNDP contribution to gender equality and management response;

*Tuesday, 25 August 2015*, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 5: UNFPA country programme documents: *Asia and the Pacific*: Cambodia; China; Indonesia;

and Maldives; *Latin America and the Caribbean*: Colombia; El Salvador; and Panama; *East and Southern Africa*: Swaziland; Zambia; and Zimbabwe; *West and Central Africa*: Guinea Bissau;

*Tuesday, 25 August 2015,* from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8: UNDP Briefings: (a) Lessons learned on evaluations and indicative costed programme of work 2015-2016; (b) Plans to improve the quality of decentralized evaluations;

*Wednesday, 26 August 2015,* from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 5: UNDP Country Programme Documents: *Africa region*: Guinea-Bissau, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe; and extensions on Burkina Faso, Chad and Côte d'Ivoire; *Asia and the Pacific region*: Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia and Maldives; *Arab States region*: Algeria; and extensions on Lebanon, Libya; and Somalia;

*Wednesday, 26 August 2015,* from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5: UNDP Country Programme Documents: *Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States region*: Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, Kosovo, Tajikistan, Turkey and Uzbekistan; *Latin American and the Caribbean region*: Colombia, El Salvador; and Panama;

*Thursday, 27 August 2015,* from 10:00 to 13:00, in Hank Shannon Conference Room, UNDP Executive Office, DC1 21st Floor: UNDP Briefing on structured funding dialogue and other financial matters; and

*Thursday, 27 August 2015,* from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5: (a) UNFPA: Evaluation; (b) Funding commitments to UNFPA, including resource mobilization strategy.

*Second regular session 2015*

The second regular session 2015 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will take place from Monday, 31 August, to Friday, 4 September 2015, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2015/L.3. Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP website and for the UNFPA segment on the UNFPA website.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests for inscription on the speakers list, to Ms. Henrietta Bledman (e-mail henrietta.bledman@undp.org) for UNDP and UNOPS, and to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org) for UNFPA, *as early as possible*, but *no later than* Friday, 21 August 2015.

The second regular session 2015 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart portal (*click here*). The portal will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission.

Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the PaperSmart portal. Member States may also request hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

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## Forthcoming other meetings

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**Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)**

*Wednesday, 26 August 2015,* from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3.

**Caribbean Community (CARICOM) (monthly caucus meeting)**

*Friday, 28 August 2015,* from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

## Forthcoming other activities

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**Briefing for delegations on facilitation for the arrivals and departures of Heads of State/Government and other senior officials coming to New York for the seventieth session of the General Assembly (organized by the United States Mission)**

*Thursday, 3 September 2015,* from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3.

[Administrative officers, heads of chancery and others responsible for ensuring the smooth arrival and departure of members of their respective delegations, including VIP delegates, are strongly urged to attend. For further information please contact Mr. Thomas J. Buda, United States Mission (e-mail budat@state.gov; tel. 1 (212) 415-4407).]

## Announcements

**2015 informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services**

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States each year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues

and on the quality of services rendered. The 2015 language-specific informational meetings will be held in August, in Conference Room A, according to the following schedule:

*Today*, 20 August, at 10:00: *Russian*

*Today*, 20 August, at 15:00: *Spanish*

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**Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions**

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *September 2015*:

*Introduction to United Nations Documents*

*General Assembly Documentation*

*Law Library Overview*

*Security Council Documentation*

*Finding Speeches*

*Voting Information*

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (http://www.un.org/depts/dhl).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

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**2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law — Call for applications**

Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Africa is scheduled to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from Monday, 1, to Friday, 26 February 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of African States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 16 October 2015*.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 30 October 2015*.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 21 November, to Friday, 16 December 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations and non-member States, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 13 November 2015*.

The three Regional Courses will be conducted *in English* in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*); or contact the Codification Division (RCIL-Africa (e-mail rcil-africa@un.org); RCIL-LAAC (e-mail rcil-laac@un.org); and RCIL-Asia-Pacific (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org)).

**2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme — Call for applications**

Applications for the 2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27 June to 5 August 2016, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Tuesday, 1 December 2015*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in *French* in 2016. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme (*click here*) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council (Sixteenth Supplement – 2008-2009 (Vols. I and II))**

The Department of Political Affairs recently published the sixteenth Supplement to the *Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council, covering the years from 2008 to 2009.

The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. For copies of the sixteenth Supplement, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The seventeenth Supplement, covering the period from 2010 to 2011 is available in its advance version on line by *clicking here*.

**Calendar of conferences and meetings**

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

# Summary of official meetings

**Wednesday, 19 August 2015**

## Security Council

[archived video]

7506th meeting *The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited Mr. Jeffrey Feltman, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Feltman.

7507th meeting

*The situation in the Middle East*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited Mr. Stephen O'Brien, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. O'Brien.

# General information

**Chairs of regional groups**

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *August 2015* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

*African States:*
Senegal
His Excellency Fodé Seck

*Asia-Pacific States:*
Bhutan
Her Excellency Kunzang Namgyel

*Eastern European States:*
Russian Federation
His Excellency Vitaly Churkin

*Latin American and Caribbean States:*
Peru
His Excellency Gustavo Meza-Cuadra

*Western European and other States:*
France
His Excellency François Delattre

**Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)**

*Electronic documents*

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*Hard copy documents and document support*

The DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC) located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance. In addition, the Delegates' Documents Counter is located adjacent to the Accessibility Centre in Room S-01B32. To contact the DAC, please call at 1 (212) 963-2105; and/or e-mail dac@un.org.

*Documents in conference rooms*

Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

**Security Council**

**Communications to the President of the Security Council**

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call to 1 (212) 963-5258.

**Website of the Presidency**

The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

**Unscheduled meetings**

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling to 1 (212) 963-5258.

**Prepared statements**

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.





will take place on Tuesday, 25 August 2015, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 4. The informal briefing will be combined and followed by an informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (8-10 September 2015).

*Second regular session*

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Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to communicate their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail harai@unicef.org; or fax 1 (212) 326-7096), as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 4 September 2015*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2015 second regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website.

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**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services**

*Informal consultations*

The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, will hold informal consultation, as follows:

*Monday, 24 August 2015,* from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 5: on UNFPA Country Programme Documents: *Eastern Europe and Central Asia*: Azerbaijan; Belarus; Georgia; Kazakhstan; The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Serbia (including Kosovo); Tajikistan; Turkey; and Uzbekistan;

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These easy to use kiosks are located on the ground floor just after the First Avenue entrance security checkpoint and on the second floor next to the Café. DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to help-desk@un.org.





*Monday, 24 August 2015*, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8: on Evaluation of UNDP contribution to gender equality and management response;

*Tuesday, 25 August 2015*, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 5: UNFPA country programme documents: *Asia and the Pacific*: Cambodia; China; Indonesia; and Maldives; *Latin America and the Caribbean*: Colombia; El Salvador; and Panama; *East and Southern Africa*: Swaziland; Zambia; and Zimbabwe; *West and Central Africa*: Guinea Bissau;

*Tuesday, 25 August 2015*, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8: UNDP Briefings: (a) Lessons learned on evaluations and indicative costed programme of work 2015-2016; (b) Plans to improve the quality of decentralized evaluations;

*Wednesday, 26 August 2015*, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 5: UNDP Country Programme Documents: *Africa region*: Guinea-Bissau, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe; and extensions on Burkina Faso, Chad and Côte d'Ivoire; *Asia and the Pacific region*: Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia and Maldives; *Arab States region*: Algeria; and extensions on Lebanon, Libya; and Somalia;

*Wednesday, 26 August 2015*, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5: UNDP Country Programme Documents: *Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States region*: Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, Kosovo, Tajikistan, Turkey and Uzbekistan; *Latin American and the Caribbean region*: Colombia, El Salvador; and Panama;

*Thursday, 27 August 2015*, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Hank Shannon Conference Room, UNDP Executive Office, DC1 21st Floor: UNDP Briefing on structured funding dialogue and other financial matters; and

*Thursday, 27 August 2015*, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5: (a) UNFPA: Evaluation; (b) Funding commitments to UNFPA, including resource mobilization strategy.

*Second regular session 2015*

The second regular session 2015 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will take place from Monday, 31 August, to Friday, 4 September 2015, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2015/L.3. Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP website and for the UNFPA segment on the UNFPA website.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests for inscription on the speakers list, to Ms. Henrietta Bledman (e-mail henrietta.bledman@undp.org) for UNDP and UNOPS, and to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org) for UNFPA, *as early as possible*, but *no later than* Friday, 21 August 2015.

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